

Month Extension of Time and authorization to charge the fee due to the undersigned's Deposit Account. In view of the filing of this Petition and payment of the fee, a response or other action is due January 18, 2003. Accordingly, the subject application is currently pending and the Request for Continuing Examination and response is timely filed.

### I. AMENDMENTS

~~Cancel~~ claims 3, 8, 14, 20 and 21, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 11, 12, 13, and 24 to recite as follows:

11. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said implant has a central aperture.

12. (Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising widening said circular intracorneal channel by inserting a clockwise pocket-forming dissector blade having a side-leg through said incision and rotating the clockwise pocket-forming dissector blade clockwise to widen said circular intracorneal channel and inserting a counterclockwise pocket-forming dissector blade having a side leg through said incision and rotating the counterclockwise pocket-forming dissector blade counterclockwise to widen said circular intracorneal channel, thereby forming an intracorneal pocket.

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13. (Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising widening said circular intracorneal channel to a pocket by inserting a channel-widening dissector blade having a side leg through said incision and rotating the channel-widening dissector blade through said circular intracorneal channel to widen said circular intracorneal channel and inserting a pocket-forming blade having a longer side leg through said incision and rotating the pocket-forming dissector blade through said circular intracorneal channel to widen said circular intracorneal channel into an intracorneal pocket.

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24. (Twice Amended) A method of inserting an intracorneal continuous ring implant in the cornea of an eye comprising:

a) creating a small incision in said cornea;